REMARKS

1. **Status of the Claims**

Claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-14 are pending.

Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12 were amended by removing non-elected subject matter.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that all requirements of patentability have been met. Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are therefore respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-2114.

Respectfully submitted,

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